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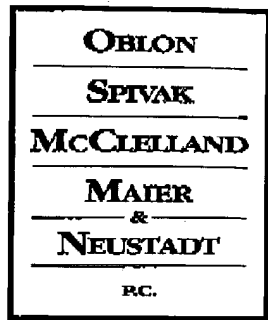
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Mr. Dunn,

Further to our telephone conversation earlier today, attached please find our proposed claim amendment along with Appendix A for illustration.

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PROPOSED CLAIM AMENDMENT

Claim 1 (currently amended): A gas generator comprising:

a single cylinder housing comprising an upper lid and a lower lid joined together, the upper lid having a bowl shape including a top plate portion and a side cylinder portion extending downward, the side cylinder portion being provided with a plurality of gas discharge holes, the lower lid having a bowl shape including a side cylinder portion and a bottom plate portion having a thickened wall portion, the lower lid including an ignitor holding portion including an inner side cylindrical portion having first and second portions each having substantially a same thickness, a protruding portion protruding from the inner side cylindrical portion towards a center portion of the single cylinder housing, and a bending portion extending from the inner side cylindrical portion and bending towards a center of the single cylinder housing, said ignitor holding portion being formed integrally with the bottom plate on the thickened wall portion via said second portion of said inner side cylindrical portion, the upper and lower lids comprising one of iron and steel;

an ignitor held by the ignitor holding portion by caulking in ~~[[a]]~~ the center portion of the single cylinder housing; and

a plurality of gas generating devices provided around the ignitor in the single cylinder housing.

Claim 2 (previously presented): The gas generator according to claim 1, wherein the side cylinder of the upper lid has a flange extending vertically outward therefrom.

Claims 3-5 (canceled)

Claim 6 (previously presented): The gas generator according to claim 1, wherein the side cylinders of the upper and lower lids have an outside diameter, D, and a length, L, from the upper lid to an outer surface of the lower lid is $L/D \leq 1$.

Claim 7 (previously presented): The gas generator according to claim 1, wherein the plurality of gas generating devices comprises an organic-compound gas generating agent including a nitrogen containing organic compound.

Claim 8 (currently amended): A gas generator comprising:

a housing comprising an upper lid and a lower lid joined together, the upper lid having a bowl shape and provided with a plurality of gas discharge holes, the lower lid having a bowl shape having a side cylinder portion and a bottom plate having a thickened wall portion, the lower lid including an ignitor holding portion including an inner side cylindrical portion having first and second portions each having substantially a same thickness, a protruding portion protruding from the inner side cylindrical portion towards a center portion of the housing, and a bending portion extending from the inner side cylindrical portion and bending towards a center of the housing, said ignitor holding portion being formed integrally with the bottom plate on the thickened wall portion via said second portion of said inner side cylindrical portion;

an ignitor held by the ignitor holding portion in ~~[[a]]~~ the center portion of the ~~single cylinder~~ housing; and

a plurality of gas generating devices provided around the ignitor in the ~~single~~
~~cylinder~~ housing.

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APPENDIX A

